

CABINET APPROVES 3 NEW AIIMS IN J&K, GUJARAT

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AIIMS in Delhi. File photo

The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved the setting up of three All India Institutes of Medical Sciences in Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat. These will be in Samba in Jammu at a cost of Rs. 1,661 crore, in Pulwama in Kashmir at a cost of Rs. 1,828 crore, and in Rajkot, Gujarat, at a cost of Rs. 1,195 crore.

The institutes will be set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, the government said.

The Cabinet approval also involves the creation of a post of director with a basic pay of Rs. 2,25,000 for each of the three AIIMS. The cost of construction, operation and maintenance of the three AIIMS will be fully borne by the Central government.

“The objective is to establish the new AIIMS as Institutions of National Importance for providing quality tertiary healthcare, medical education, nursing education and research in the region,” the government said.

Each AIIMS will add 100 undergraduate (MBBS) seats and 60 B.Sc. (nursing) seats and will have 15-20 super-speciality departments. Each AIIMS will also add 750 hospital beds which will include emergency/trauma beds, AYUSH beds, private beds, and ICU speciality and super-speciality beds.

“It is expected that each AIIMS would cater to around 1,500 OPD patients per day and around 1,000 IPD patients per month,” the government said. “Setting up new AIIMS in Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat will lead to employment generation for nearly 3,000 people in various faculty and non-faculty posts in each of the AIIMS.”

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